

NALP International and Advanced Degree Advising & Recruiting Section

Third Quarterly Report to the Board of Directors

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Summary:

The Section held its fourth official conference call on January 24, 2012. The call was attended mostly by law school representatives. The main agenda items were: New Member Introductions, Bulletin articles, Work Group Updates, Other Projects, NALP Seeking Volunteers for 2012-2013, NALP Conference, and Environmental Scanning. The attendees who announced their presence on the phone were: Tibby Cail (BU), Kandice Thorn (Fordham), Ian Kelly (Northwestern), Danielle Braun (University of Connecticut), Sandra Beteau (Georgetown), Molly Scott (Georgetown), Bill MacDonald (Georgetown), and Charlie Cramton (Cornell).

Introductions: Georgetown has two newcomers to their office and to our group: Bill MacDonald and Molly Scott.

Recent Bulletin Articles:

- **MA Bar Exam Update: Foreign-Lawyer Qualification**, by Tibby Cail with assistance from Gail Hupper, published in November.
- **When to Bring up Immigration Matters to Employers**, by Clara Solomon and Chia King. Published in January.
- **ABA Proposed Model Rule on Admission of Foreign-Educated Lawyers**, by Skip Horne. Slated for February. Note that Polly Lawson was supposed to be one of the original writers with Skip Horne, but she could not be reached during the process.

Workgroup Updates /Other Projects/Action Items:

- **Deciphering and Interpreting International CVs**, slated to be a NALP Blog post by Chia King. Chia is planning to use the NALP Foundation’s International Directory of Lawyer Qualification as a reference guide for this project.
- **Twitter** – Since August, the Twitter work group which is comprised of Jessica Dworkin and Stephanie Decker, has been quiet. Tibby will follow up with this group to increase their activity. Our Twitter address is LLMINTL.
- **Law Firm Outreach:** The Section would like to ask if Chia King would be interested in joining this work group and helping to spread the word. Mary Schrass handles all of Skadden’s Asia offices and says that most of the peer firms are set up this way (with regional heads). So, Mary is happy to be the person representing Skadden for Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, and Sydney.

- **Going Global:** The Section participated in a free trial of this product on November 29, 2011 at 2:00PM EST. The most useful component is a list of companies that have sponsored H1B visa over the last couple of years.
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- Collaboration with Public Service Section to develop a Public International Law Panel/new work group needed. A New work group for next year: developing collaboration with public service section to create a Public International Law Panel. If anyone is interested in working on this, I asked them to let me know.

NALP Conference:

- Our Section is scheduled to present: **Navigating Bar Exam Requirements for Foreign-Trained Lawyers.** Presenters: Clara Solomon, Charles Cramton, and Ian Kelly.
Contributors: Elizabeth Armand Di Giovanni and Tibby Cail.

Kandice Thorne told the group about the City Bar session on **Networking for International LL.M. Students** on February 8.

Environmental Scanning:

I frequently have students who want this information, and specifically I have a student whose wife is a medical student and they are not sure where she will do her residency. They have to go where she gets the job. He wants to educate himself about the relative career opportunities each of these cities would provide. Beyond simple Google searches and scanning job postings, I suggested The Vault and Martindale. Can anyone else suggest a course of action here?

He wants to really compare long-term career prospects between the cities. One thought I had would be to contact career services programs at law schools in each city.

In this student's example, he is looking at Charlottesville, VA; Temple, TX; and Nashville, TN. Atlanta, GA.

Other school's suggestions were to look into the BYU Job Bank.

Miscellaneous: Tibby will not be able to make it to this year's Annual Education Conference. Samantha Freedman will be there from her office. Clara Solomon from NYU will represent our Section at the Open House.